

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 10, 2013

After the Pledge of Allegiance was said, a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista to open a Public Hearing at 7PM, at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, for the purpose of hearing public comment on proposed Local Law #1 of 2013, establishing rules, regulations and water rents for Water Districts 1,2,3,4 and 5. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

There were no public comments and a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lee. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Immediately following the Public Hearing, the regular meeting of the Hounsfield Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Scee.

Members present were: Supervisor Timothy Scee, C'man Stephen Lee, C'man Todd Farrington, C'man Vincent Battista, and C'man Richard Young.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve the minutes of the 3/13/13 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence: the Supervisor received a letter from DOT regarding a second request for a speed reduction on Co. Rt. 145 near Old McDonald's Farm and they will review this again after the business is reopened for the season. Another letter was received from Frontier Housing in Dexter, reporting that there are still funds available for low income families in the Town to apply for, to help them with home repairs. The Can Am committee sent an invitation to the Town Board to march in the parade in July. Also received was a schedule of events for the 1812 celebration in Sackets Harbor and a letter from the Village of Brownville and DANC with notification that water rates are increasing for District 1. Supervisor Scee reported that the June issue of Early American Life magazine has a full page ad for the Village of Sackets Harbor and a feature article of the history of battles of the War of 1812 that were fought there. Lastly, Supervisor Scee received notification that the Fire Department's ISO rating has returned to a 6.

The Supervisor's Report for March was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$267,856.83, Total disbursements \$784,580.34, Total in checking account \$149,560.43, Total investments \$751,384.42.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Abstract #4, vouchers #186-239 was presented: General Fund A \$11,339.13, General Fund B \$351.17, Highway Fund A \$10,971.53, Highway Fund B \$6,190.68, Water District 2 \$2,315.74, Water District 5 \$622.92, Water District 1 \$5,859.90, Water District 4 \$332.35, Water District 3 \$1,018.24, Water District 5 Capital Fund \$79,724.93, Abstract Total \$118,726.59.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Battista to pay the bills in abstract #4, vouchers #186-239. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Clerk to the Supervisor reported that she received some late bills and asked for the Board's consent for the Supervisor to sign checks for these Water Department bills and they will be on next month's abstract. A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to pay approximately \$7,000 for Water Department bills. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he visited Griffith Air Force Base with Jefferson County Highway Superintendent Jim Lawrence Jr., Supervisor Scee and others to see the business park there. He also met with the Economic Development Director to discuss a possible Ag park at Baggs Corners. He attended a Water Committee meeting and they have created policies for the Board to review, a Seasonal Shut-off Policy, a Hookup Fee Policy, and a Permanent Disconnect Policy. There were a few questions from the Board members on the policies.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to accept the water policies for seasonal shut-off, hookup fees, and permanent disconnect. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he had a water credit request in district 4 for \$25 because the meter was not working properly. A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve the water credit request for \$25. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Young reported that he attended the Hay Memorial Library meeting and they discussed an art program, a speaker on Parkinson's on 4/20, annual meeting on 4/18, 4th grade War of 1812 program, and considering hunter safety and boating safety classes for next year. C'man Young also attended the East Hounsfield Library meeting and they discussed Reading on the River program for children, the lease agreement with the Town, plans for 100th anniversary of the library and replacing computers.

C'man Battista reported that he attended the Fire Department meeting and there were 4 fire calls answered and 12 of 13 ambulance calls were answered the past month. There were elections held and Randy Lind is the new fire chief.

C'man Farrington reported that he attended the Village Board meeting and a work session will be held Saturday at 9AM for the community gardens.

C'man Farrington opened the sealed bids for mowing of Lakeside Cemetery:

Gilmore Lawn Care bid \$600 per mow, Yard By Yard bid \$450 per mow, Clement Lawn Care bid \$600 per mow, C'man Battista read the last bid by Farrington Lawns bid \$720 per mow

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve the low bid by Yard By Yard for \$450 per mow for mowing and trimming of Lakeside Cemetery this year. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that he and Barb Boulton of the Village Board, and the Chamber of Commerce met with the organizers of the 1812 Challenge which will be held on September 1st this year.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for the month of March. He would like to hire two seasonal employees as soon as possible.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee to hire two seasonal employees at 11.50 per hr. After discussion all voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista to approve minimum road standards for construction of roads in the Town of Hounsfield as submitted by the Highway Superintendent. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Highway Superintendent asked the Board to purchase a used water hauling truck for \$2000. After discussion a motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young to purchase a used truck that is set up to haul water for the highway building. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Town Clerk gave a collection report for March. She also reported that she attended a Lakeside Cemetery Committee meeting, a Water Committee meeting and training.

A Planning Board report was given by the Chairperson.

A report was given by the Zoning Officer.

Corey Reid of Bernier, Carr gave an update of Water District 5 construction.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to accept and sign the lease agreement from East Hounsfield Library which enables the Town of Hounsfield to lease and use land at the Library. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee explained that a resident has asked to acquire a small .1 acre parcel that is in the Town's name to add to his parcel that is next to it. The Town attorney has been notified of the request and will be asked to report on a fee that it would cost to transfer the small lot. This topic is tabled until next month for review.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington for Resolution #13-25 for transfer of culvert J038 on the Ridge Road from Jefferson County to Town of Hounsfield and transfer of 0.33 miles of the end of Floral Drive adjacent to NYS Rt 12F from Town of Hounsfield to Jefferson County and authorizing Supervisor Timothy Scee to enter into this agreement. In a roll call vote, voting yes was C'man Vincent Battista, C'man Todd Farrington, C'man Stephen Lee, C'man Richard Young, and Supervisor Timothy Scee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee for Resolution #13-26 to approve the 2012 Town Justice books and the 2012 Town Clerk books. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee announced that the Public Forums for the Comprehensive Plan will be held on May 1st from 6-8 and May 4th 10-noon at the Town Hall.

At this time the floor was opened for comments from the public. A question was asked on paving the Foster Park Road after the construction of Water District 5 and the Highway Superintendent replied that it is planned for this year before fall.

The Highway Superintendent also commented that when the State Budget passed there was an increase in the CHIPS funding for roads.

Also in public comment, a comment was made that C'man Battista neglected to report that he accepted a position on the Sackets Harbor Fire Dept. Board of Directors and it appears to be a conflict of interest and unethical since he is also on the Town Board.

In announcements, Supervisor Scee reminded everyone that the Village Ball will be held on April 20th at the Comedy Club.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk